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In re Re-Issue Patent Application of Rogers

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Art Unit: 1773

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Examiner: D.S. Nakarani

Title: OBJECTS COMPRISING A SUBSTRATE AND AN OPTICAL INTERFERENCE FILM

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated October 10, 2002, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

REMARKS

The examiner has rejected Claims 1-39 as being obvious over the combination of Hettich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,769,290) and Austin (U.S. Patent No. 5,332,618) on the grounds (a) that Hettich et al. disclose coating substrates with a uniform reflective coating, but fails to disclose (i) coating a curved, non-planar, or complex-shaped substrate, and (ii) coating substantially the entire surface of the substrate; (b) that Austin discloses coating substantially the entire surface of sunglasses and spectacles which are deemed to be curved, non-planar and complex-shaped substrates; and (c) that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Hettich et al. and Austin to coat substantially the entire surface of substrates with the coating disclosed in Hettich et al.